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TO : Dr. Machle, OSI DATE: 15 March 1949 b-3

FROM : Dr. Stone, OSI [handwritten initials]

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

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No. of Sightings: 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5

Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan

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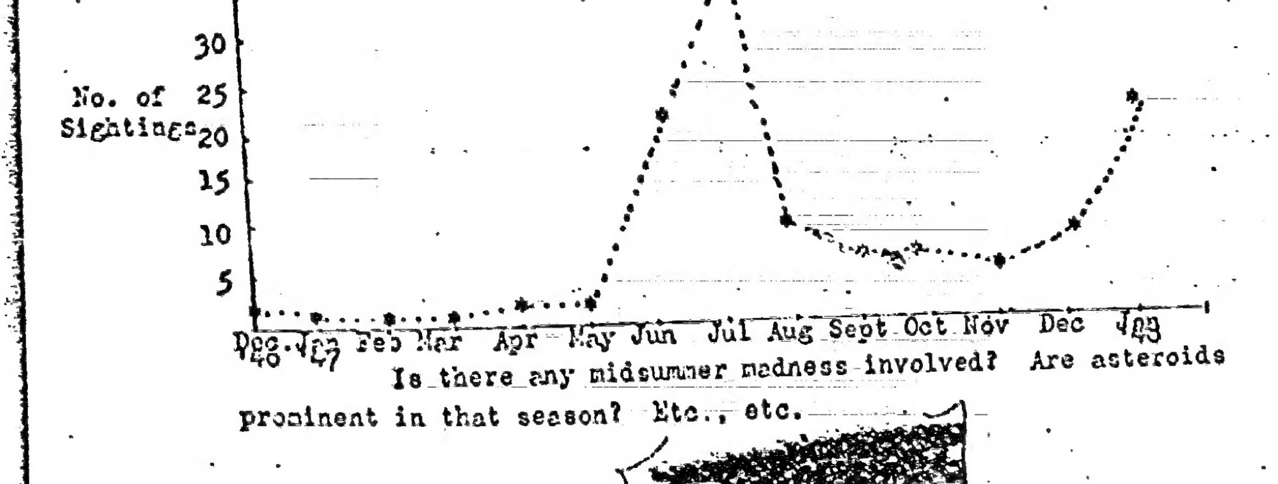
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